

**OUR PRAYERS**  
**HealthSouth-Union Ave**  
(Eileen) Marie Hughes 209B

**At Home**  
Phil Weaver  
Tom Boillot-stent 5/19 @ St. Francis

**Camden Gen'l Hospital**  
**175 Hospital Dr.**  
**Camden, TN 38320**  
Gabe Colosia 50

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**OUR PRESENCE**  
**May 15**

Church School 48  
Worship 68  
Visitors 1

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**OUR GIFTS**

**May 15**  
Total Rec'd \$ 3,285  
MTD \$ 11,511  
Apportionments TD \$ 5,600

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**OUR SERVICE**  
**Assisting May 22**

**Greeters** Happy Birah  
Barbara Scheirer  
**Liturgist** Bruce Hughes  
**Scripture** Jane Hight  
**Children's Time** Ed Stanley  
**Lock-up** Emmett Parrish

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**OUR WITNESS**  
**May Scripture Readers**  
29 Brother Paul

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

“When we lift up the cup of our life and share with one another our sufferings and joys in mutual vulnerability, the new covenant can become visible among us. The surprise of it all is that it is often the least among us who reveal to us that our cup is a cup of blessings.”

Written by Henri Nouwen, in *Can You Drink the Cup?*

Peace and Grace,  
Brother Paul

### Scripture Reading for May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
John 14:1-14

### Sermon Title

“I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life”

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Sun. 5/22 9:45a Church School  
 10:55a Worship  
 12:15p Adult/Family Ministries

Mon. 5/23 Noon News Deadline



Tue. 5/24 No Activities  
 Aldersgate Day, celebrating John Wesley's life-changing experience on Aldersgate Street in London in 1738, of which he wrote, "I felt my heart strangely warmed".

Wed. 5/25 6:00p Fellowship & Study  
 7:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thu. 5/26 10:00a Bible Study

Fri. 5/27 Offices Closed

Sat. 5/28 9:00a AFLS

 **LET'S FILL THE SHELVES @ UMNC** 

The food pantries of UMNC are low on food due to the increased number of customers. Please bring any non-perishables - canned goods, peanut butter, boxed crackers, flour, sugar, cereal, juice, etc. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. Just place your items in the bin in the hallway between the educational buildings. Thank you.

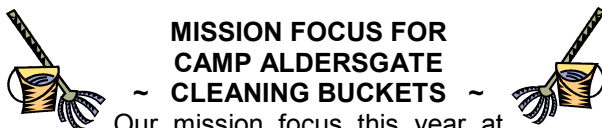


**THE FINCHERS ARE COMING!!!**

The great gospel singing group will be back in our Sanctuary on June 12 at 5:30p.m. This is truly one of the special events at our church. Please invite family, neighbors and friends. All the churches in our district will be invited. Arrive early to get a seat!

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the Trustees and the church for letting me rake leaves from the top of the church. I appreciate your kindness to me and if I can do other things, please let me know. I live right around the corner on Dearing Road.  
 Sincerely, Blair Boyce



**MISSION FOCUS FOR CAMP ALDERSGATE CLEANING BUCKETS**

Our mission focus this year at Camp Aldersgate is to provide cleaning buckets (formerly called flood buckets) for the United Methodist Committee on Relief—UMCOR. We are asking all of you to bring buckets, supplies or a contribution to purchase supplies so we can assemble buckets during Camp Aldersgate, June 3rd, 4th and 5th. A container for supplies will be provided in front of the church office. Help us join the "flood of compassion" as we assemble buckets to warm the hearts of others with simple, necessary supplies.

- Listed here are the needed items:
- 12 to 16 oz liquid household cleaner to be mixed with water. **NO spray cleaners**
  - 18 Handi-wipes or reusable wipes removed from package. **NO terry towels**
  - 2 pair disposable kitchen gloves, unpackaged
  - 2-50 ft or 1-100 ft clothesline, cotton or plastic
  - 1 can air freshener-pump or aerosol w/cover
  - 24 roll heavy duty trash bags, unpackaged
  - 2-25oz or 1-50oz liquid laundry detergent
  - 6-14 oz insect repellent aerosol w/cover
  - 5 scouring pads removed from package
  - 1 plastic or wooden handle scrub brush
  - 50 clothespins removed from package
  - 1 pair cotton or leather work gloves
  - 7 sponges removed from package
  - 5 gal. bucket with re-sealable lid
  - 16-28 oz bottle dish liquid
  - 5 dust masks

All items must be new. All cleaning agents must be liquid in plastic containers. **NO Powders.** The cost of a completed bucket is \$55. All help is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**UMW NEWS**

Thanks to Margaret Ann for a very informative study on Haiti and for having our guest speaker give us a first-hand view of what it is like in that country.

We are now preparing for our August Spiritual Growth Study, originally designed for 8 two hour sessions. However, we will use their suggestions for fewer hours. I sincerely hope some of you will order the study book, "The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation", by Stephanie Hixon & Thomas Porter. As usual, we will invite other Units to join us.

As some of us attended the District study earlier, we can get credit for all three studies. We have one problem in qualifying to be Platinum Unit this year - to gain two new members. The time is short so please help us. Please plan to attend our June 26 Unit Meeting (moved due to Father's Day) which will feature a speaker from Methodist Hospital Auxiliary. We will learn later what articles we are to bring.



**Giving Through Candle Burning**

Its time to begin the UMW Candle Burning Program, a way of extra mission giving. A gift of \$5 will allow you to honor someone or to give in memory of someone. All names will be lifted up on UMW Sunday. Please give your gifts and information to Margaret Ann Ligon.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Look for God at knee level.



**SUPPLIES FOR WILLOW OAKS**

The school year begins in EARLY August so we will begin the annual collection for supplies for Willow Oaks Elementary in July! Keep an eye out for sales—there will soon be list of specific items needed. Thanks for your continued support of our adopted school.

**HONORING OUR LOVED ONES**

Gifts have been given to:

**Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Gene Meyer by  
 51 Tech

**Pew Cushions**

In memory of David L. Green by  
 Keith & Frances Coffman  
In memory of John K. Griffin by  
 Keith & Frances Coffman

**LOOKING FOR VASES**

Have unused vases cluttering up your closets? Why not donate them to the church? We are looking for 6" to 12" vases in which to take flowers to our homebound members who usually cannot return them. Vases may be brought to the church office.



**HONOR THY FATHER**

... or a special man in your life by giving a gift in his name. A special insert will appear in the Father's Day bulletin listing those honored. Please complete this form, enclose payment, and drop in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Please place gift(s) in Hon/Mem Fund or \_\_\_\_\_ Fund